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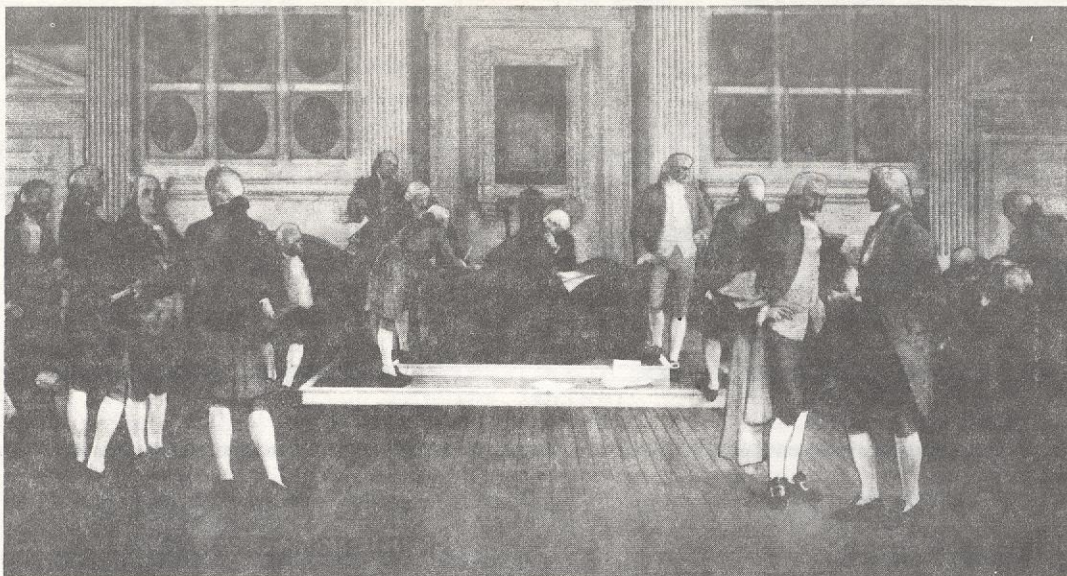
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North Carolina Carpenters

This issue features a North Carolina Carpenter family whose Pennsylvania ancestors were of Swiss origin. The first settlers used the name Zimmerman, but grandchildren used Carpenter, the English translation. Brothers Peter and Jacob Carpenter came from Lancaster Co., Pa. to Lincoln Co., N.C. in 1750's; descendants spread into Rutherford Co., N.C. Carpenters whose ancestors were among the early Virginia settlers were living in North Carolina at the same time.

FAMILY REUNION--Photo below was taken in 1898 before George R. and Susanna (Carpenter) Freeman left their Bostic, N.C. home for Texas. Gathered at their home are the couple's parents, brothers, sisters and their families. Identification of all shown is not available, but many are identified in other pictures inside this issue.





Editorially Speaking

Many precedent-setting, attention-getting facets of the impeachment investigation have gained the interest of nearly all Americans. It is also surrounded by the aura of a history-making event. My opinions are strong, but it isn't the editor's job to foist his views on readers. No, the journalist's role is to probe facts and furnish readers decision-making tools needed to construct their own judgement. It's an oft-misunderstood role, but one thought vital to a healthy democracy by framers of our Constitution. Thus, a free press. It is a concept our Colonial era ancestors understood and valued more than now.

As editors must refrain from pushing personal bias on readers while presenting facts and conveying quotes of such newsmakers as senators and business leaders, so should organizations refrain from speaking for unpolled members. Three examples come to mind: A veterans' group, teachers' union and patriotic society. The first two polled some local leaders before stating they were for or against Nixon's continuation in office. The latter passed a resolution giving "unanimous" support to Nixon at its nationwide convention. Many of its members don't support our President at present and feel the society has not spoken for them. Indeed, it attempted to subvert their own individual decision-making rights. Yet, this group has long stood for preservation of individual freedom. It has also been a severe critic of the press while it champions the Constitution which envisioned the press as one of the preservers of democracy.

I admit to being puzzled by actions of this society which has long promoted recognition of our patriotic heritage. It commits the same sin of which it blames the press: Pre-judging the accused and shoving its opinions on thousands. What we may be wrestling with here is an attitude just as dangerous as the wrongs for which our President stands accused, but not convicted.

WHAT READERS WRITE: The Journal will no longer print reader letters on a regular basis since such letters--and answers to them--are a major part of the format of our new publication, *The Epistle*. This is the only change in the *Carpenter Journal*. Space devoted to letters will be used to bring you some unique Colonial era artwork in future issues.

PREAMBLE

We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

AMENDMENTS

[The first ten Amendments, which are known as the "Bill of Rights," were proposed September 25, 1789, and have been in force since December 15, 1791.]

ARTICLE I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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Nellie Milligan: Talented Carpenter Descendant

Mrs. Nellie Milligan is a woman of many talents whose genealogical endeavors are overshadowed by numerous accomplishments which have gained her three "Who's Who" listings--in "WW" of California, "WW" of American Women and "WW" in the West. A counselor, artist and educator, Nellie has taken time to furnish data on her Carpenter ancestry for this issue.

Nellie was born March 2, 1911 on a farm near Nash, Tex. to Cortez William and Leona A. (Mills) Freeman. She was loved and spoiled by a father who named her for two girls he didn't marry. When Nellie was 11, her parents were divorced and she took over household duties so her mother could work. She cooked, made clothes, did laundry and otherwise looked after her brother Norris (born March 27, 1913) and little sisters Cortez Ariel (born Feb. 12, 1920) & Joy Iris (born Sept. 8, 1922). Her mother had taken Civil Service exams and moved the family to California when she received a Post Office Department appointment in Washington, D.C. Nellie had spent each year of high school in a different place, and graduated in Washington. She was interested in art, couldn't afford college, ended up in nurse's training and was graduated in 1933 from Capitol City School of Nursing. In October of 1933 she was accredited as a Registered Nurse and in November her mother died. Nellie took her sisters to Long Beach, Calif., worked as a nurse and with the help of brother Norris helped her two sisters through high school and Cortez through junior college.



NELLIE MILLIGAN--On the job in '57 at the Compton Counseling Service. Photo of Nellie as a child appears elsewhere in this issue.

On July 9, 1935 she wed Carl James Milligan and in 1940 they moved to a new home in South Gate, Calif. where they've reared two athletic sons who tower 6'5" --Carl William, born Feb. 7, 1936, and Earl Freeman, born Aug. 5, 1939.

Nellie did get to college--a B.A. in psychology from Golden State U. in '53--and further expanded her knowledge with bachelor's & master's degrees, plus a fellowship, from the Church of Religious Science in the early 60's. She went from nursing to counseling, serving as counselor-teacher, then trustee, for the Compton (Calif.) Counseling Service. She also was with the Child Birth Training Dept. of the American Institute of Family Relations and maintained a private counseling service. Mrs. Freeman has held various posts in the League of Religious Science Practitioners and has received several awards for her work in this field.

Nellie's other activities are too numerous to mention, but here are a few: In 1946, she received a Red Cross service pin for 200 hours of volunteer work; as of this spring she was still active in Red Cross work, teaching a class in Mother and Baby Care for the local chapter. She's been a Boy Scout den mother and PTA president. Mrs. Freeman's citations include those honoring her for her role in conducting the 1970 census and for 32 years' service as an election official. In between civil defense and sorority work, she's found time for mountain hiking, swimming, dancing. Her interest in geology led to membership in the South Gate Gem and Mineral Club and her affinity for genealogical research to membership in the Southern California Genealogical Society. Nellie was recently installed as regent of Dorothy Clark Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. And what happened to the young girl who was interested in art? Well, in 1958, she received first, second and third prizes in oils at the South Gate Art Exhibit.

North Carolina Carpenter Records

(Data on this page and the next was provided by Journal readers Jack & Maridell Fryar of 3401 Humble, Midland, Texas 79701.)

THE 1800 CENSUS: LINCOLN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	MALE 0-10	MALE 10-16	MALE 16-26	MALE 26-45	MALE 45+	FEM. 0-10	FEM. 10-16	FEM. 16-26	FEM. 26-45	FEM. 45+
Carpenter, Christian	2	1		1		3			1	
Carpenter, David				1	1			1		
Carpenter, Frederick	2			1		2				1
Carpenter, Henry	2			1		2			1	
Carpenter, Henry	1			1		1		1		
Carpenter, Jacob				1		3			1	
Carpenter, Jacob			1			1		1		
Carpenter, Jacob	3	1			1	5	1		1	
Carpenter, Jacob	1		1		1					1
Carpenter, John				1				1		
Carpenter, John Sr.	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1		1
Carpenter, Michael	2			1					1	
Carpenter, Peter			3		1			1		1

WILLS: TRYON & LINCOLN COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA

(Following are extracted from pp. 281-82, "Wills of Tryon & Lincoln Counties, 1769-1824," North Carolina Genealogy, edited by W. P. Johnson.)

CARPENTER, JACOB, of Lincoln Co.--Will dated June 21, 1803; wife, Catharine; children: Henry, David, Jacob, Jonas, Margret (wife of Martin Friday), Catharine (wife of Peter Hoyle, Esq.), Elisabeth (wife of Henry Cline), Mary (wife of Micl. Rudisale), Solomey (wife of David Cline). Executors: Sons Henry and Jacob. Witnesses: John Moore, Elizabeth Moore, Peter Rees. Signed: Jacob Zimmerman. (Pencil notation: Probated in 1807.)

CARPENTER, JACOB, of Lincoln Co.--Will dated July 22, 1821; wife, Catharine; children: Jonas, Mosis (under age), Mary, Catharine, Barbary, Anne, Rebecca, Elizabeth. Executors: Brother, Henry Carpenter, and John Hoke. Witnesses: Jacob Carpenter, Daniel Zimmerman (German for Carpenter). Signed by name. Probated in October, 1821.

CARPENTER, JOHN, of Lincoln Co.--Will dated Sept. 13, 1806; wife, Elizabeth; children: Henrey, John, Nicholaus, Daniel, Joseph, Anna, Maria, Margreta, Salome, Susanna. Signed in German: Johannes Zimmerman. Witnesses: Fredk. Aderhold and Jacob Carpenter. Probated in April, 1809.

CARPENTER, PETER, of Lincoln Co.--Will dated Nov. 7, 1816. Children: Sammuel, William, Anna Crouse, Fanna Eaker, Christian, John, David, Jacob, Joseph, Henrey, Frederick, Abraham. Executors: Sons Saml., Jacob and William, and Danniell Eaker. Signed by mark. Witnesses: Jacob Aderhold, Jas. Carpenter. Probated in April, 1817. (Biographical data on Peter appears on the center spread of this issue.)

FROM RUTHERFORD CO., N.C. RECORDS--Deed Book 11-12, pg. 496 shows Peter Carpenter of Lincoln Co. granted to his son, Joseph Carpenter of Rutherford Co., 200 acres on east side of Second Broad River for 100 pounds on July 12, 1798, this being all the land on the east side of the river granted to Peter Carpenter May 5, 1769. (This item provided by Mrs. Nellie Milligan.)

NOTATION: The "Southern Family Trees" column has been omitted from this issue since the subject matter of this edition is of special interest to the majority of our readers researching Southern branches of the family. Space which would have been devoted to the column allowed use of more N.C. Carpenter data. The column will appear in our next issue.

ACTIVITIES OF THE LINCOLN CO., N.C. CARPENTERS

(Following items are from William L. Sherrill's 1937 book, Annals of Lincoln Co., which covers the years 1749-1937; this 536-page book was reprinted, 1967.)

According to Alfred Nixon, the first session of the Tryon County Court was organized at the home of Charles McLean and sessions for 1769, 1770 and 1771 were held in the McLean home, the sessions of 1772 at Christian Reinhardt's and those of 1773 and 1774 at Christian Carpenter's.

The permanent county seat (for Tryon Co.) was not chosen till 1774 when the Assembly approved a report concerning locating at the "Cross Roads" on Christian Mauney's land..."As witness our hands and seals the 26th day of July 1774." Signed: Charles McLean, William Moore, John Hill, Christopher Carpenter.

"Ordered by the Court that Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Kiser, Jacob Ramsour, Adolphus Reep and John Eaker be appointed Commissioners to lay out and mark a road from Burke County line to Ramsour's Mill, and from there, the nearest and best way to Tryon County Court House." *(Item not dated when furnished to your editor, but probably 1774 or 1775.)*

Among signers of the Tryon Association Aug. 14, 1775 in support of protests against the British were Christian Carpenter and Samuel Karbender (Carpenter).

Lincoln County, named for Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, a hero of the American Revolution, was established out of a part of Tryon County in January, 1779. Christopher Carpenter, Valentine Mauney, James Reid, John Patrick and William Grimes were commissioned to buy 100 acres in the most central and convenient part of Lincoln for a courthouse, prison and stocks, and to contract for the erection of same, and to pay for these buildings an additional tax for two years of two shillings on the 100 pounds of value of taxable property and one shilling on every free man was levied.

Michael Quickel, the pioneer, married Anna Mariah Friday, who died in 1826 at age 78. He first settled two miles east of Lincolnton on land where Boger City was built. His children were: 1) Michael (1781-1850) who wed Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Hoke; 2) Barbara, wed Col. John Hoke; 3) Anna Mariah, wed Philip Cansler; 4) Elizabeth, wed David Carpenter and their daughter, Catherine, wed Henry Rhodes; and 5) Catherine, married Jacob Carpenter.

Michael Hoyle, second son of Peter Hoyle, the pioneer, married Elizabeth Carpenter. Their son, Peter Hoyle (1762-1827), the politician, was a popular and influential citizen of Lincoln who represented the county in the House of Commons 14 terms from 1802 to 1817 (except 1809 & 1814), and was State Senator in 1819.

Martin P. Shuford, born 1794, wed Rhoda Lowrance and represented Rutherford Co. in the State Senate 1825-28. Their daughter Catherine wed John Carpenter.

The Rhodes family, prominent in Lincoln Co. since pioneer Frederick Rhodes settled on Hoyle's Creek about 1750, included son Henry, born 1753, a Lutheran minister who wed Clary Hire of Maryland. Their children included: Rudolph Rhodes, born 1795, who wed Mary Carpenter, and Henry Rhodes Jr., born 1799, who married Catherine Carpenter.

Jacob Killian Jr. married Catherine Carpenter; among their children were Caroline, who wed Melchi Rhodes, and John, who married Ibby Wilkinson and lived near Denver in Lincoln Co. The father of Jacob Jr. was Jacob, son of John and grandson of Andreas Killian, the pioneer.

An account of the Revolutionary Battle of Ramsour's Mill lists Tory losses as including Captains Nicholas Warlick, Cumberland and Murray. Capt. Warlick's brother, Philip, and Israel Sain were also among the killed, while Captain Carpenter was seriously wounded. *(Capt. Carpenter service noted on center spread of this issue.)*

Carpenter Marriages: Tryon-Lincoln Co., N.C.

(Source: Bynum, Curtis, *Marriage Bonds of Tryon and Lincoln Counties, North Carolina*. According to Bynum, the following Carpenter marriages are on file in the Court House in Lincolnton, North Carolina. The compilation covers the period from 1769 to 1867.)

Ann Carbinder to Anthony Peeler (German name: And--- Bohler); Surety: John Carpender (Carbinder); Witness: John Crouse; April 15, 1800.
Adolphus Carpenter to Mary Lingfelt; Sur.: W. F. Carpenter; Wit.: D. A. Haines, Justice of the Peace; by: D. A. Haines, J.P.; May 5, 1866.
Alford (Alfred) Carpenter to Abigail Warlick; Sur.: Benjamin Carpenter; Oct. 1, 1842.
Andrew Carpenter to Anne Ellmore; Sur.: George Carpenter; April 26, 1825.
Andrew Carpenter to Sophia Smith; Sur.: John R. Dunn; Wit.: L. M. McBee; April 19, 1831.
Ann Carpenter to Richard Martin; Sur.: Abraham Carpenter; Wit.: V. McBee; Feb. 27, 1813.
Ann Carpenter to Samuel Black; Sur.: Ephraim Mauney; Nov. 16, 1835.
Ann E. Carpenter to Cicero Sipe; Sur.: Tobias Sook (or Shook); Wit.: W. R. Clark; by G. L. Hunt, MG; June 9, 1859.
Anna Carpenter to David Rhyne; Sur.: Joseph McAlister; Wit.: James T. Alexander; July 16, 1816.
Anna Carpenter to Jacob Hovis; Sur.: Emanuel Carpenter; Wit.: James T. Alexander; April 30, 1831.
Anna Carpenter to Jacob Mooney; Sur.: John D. Hoke; Wit.: G. Hoke; April 25, 1835.
Anna Carpenter to Peter Kiser; Sur.: James McKee; Wit.: R. Williamson; Sept. 29, 1841.
Anne Mary Carpenter to Rudolph Rodes (Rhodes); Sur.: Paul Anthony; Wit.: D. Reinhardt; Jan. 26, 1820.
Barbara Carpenter to Lawson McGinnas; Sur.: John McGinnas; Wit.: V. McBee; April 23, 1825.
Barbara Carpenter to David Rudisill; Sur.: Philip Carpenter; Wit.: J. T. Alexander; Feb. 24, 1827.
Barbary Carpenter to Samuel Bigam; Sur.: William Davis; Wit.: Maxl Chambers; Dec. 17, 1807.
Caroline Carpenter to Moses W. Finger; Sur.: Daniel Finger; Wit.: Robert Williamson; Jan. 7, 1848.
Catharine Carpenter to Newman Alexander; Sur.: William Barr (Bar); Wit.: V. McBee; Feb. 1, 1820.
Catharine Carpenter to Henry Rhodes; Sur.: Philip Reep; Wit.: J. T. Alexander; April 16, 1829.
Catharine Carpenter to Daniel Mostillar (Mausteller); Sur.: William S. Rush; Wit.: J. T. Alexander; Jan. 18, 1831.
Catharine Carpenter to Solomon Rhyne; Sur.: Samuel Carpenter; Wit.: H. Cansler; Sept. 26, 1838.
Catharine Carpenter to Franklin D. Warlick; Sur.: Henry Schenck; Wit.: Spencer M. Grigg; Oct. 2, 1839.
Catharine Carpenter to Joshua Vandike (Vandyke); Sur.: Aron Dameron; July 28, 1846.
Catharine Carpenter to Lawson H. Linhardt; Sur.: George Coon; Wit.: W. A. McBee; Aug. 1, 1847.
Catherine Carpenter to Jacob Killion (Kilyand); Sur.: John Smith; Wit.: Jacob Reinhardt, J.P.; Dec. 24, 1808.
Catherine Carpenter to George Hovis; Sur.: John Hoke; Wit.: V. McBee; Mar. 17, 1825.
Catherine Carpenter to James Kizer; Sur.: Noah Carpenter; Wit.: Luther McBee; Jan. 25, 1828.
Christopher Carpenter to Mary E. Dellinger; Sur.: Christopher Carpenter; Wit.: V. McBee; Sept. 26, 1818.
Christopher (Christian) Carpenter to Sally Eaker; Sur.: Christopher han Bright (Christian Hamright); Wit.: V. McBee; Dec. 16, 1818.
Christopher Carpenter to Anna Carpenter; Sur.: Martin Carpenter; Wit.: L. McBee; Nov. 14, 1831.
Christopher Carpenter to Martha Williams; Sur.: Andrew Gilbert; Wit.: V. McBee; Aug. 13, 1833.

EARLY CARPENTER MARRIAGE BONDS--TRYON & LINCOLN COUNTIES, NORTH CAROLINA (Cont'd)

- Daniel Carpenter (Ger.: Daniel Zimmerman) to Betsey Pasehaur; Sur.: Jonas Mostel-
er; Wit.: Daniel M. Forney; Nov. 12, 1809.
- Daniel Carpenter to Margaret Hager; Sur.: Michael Carpenter; Wit.: M. W. Aber-
nathy; Aug. 27, 1834.
- David Carpenter (Ger.: David Zimmerman) to Elizabeth Rhinehart; Sur.: Daniel
Stricknan (Ger.: Daniel Strickner); Aug. 1, 1789.
- David Carpenter to Rosanah Childress; Sur.: William Conner; Wit.: V. McBee; June
13, 1818.
- Elias Carpenter to Sally S. Johnson; Sur.: Christopher Carpenter; Wit.: J. T.
Alexander; Sept. 26, 1832.
- Elisabeth Carpenter to Henry Cline (Ger.: Henrich Klein); Sur.: John McGaughey;
Jan. 11, 1787.
- Eliza Carpenter to James Summerow; Sur.: Daniel Sumerow (Daniel Summerow, Jr.);
Wit.: H. Cansler, C.C.; Feb. 9, 1839.
- Eliza Carpenter to Eli Mauney; Sur.: Mexull Mauny; Wit.: Robert Williamson; July
10, 1847.
- Elizabeth Carpenter to John Whisnant (Whisenhunt); Sur.: John Hafner (Havener);
Wit.: V. McBee; July 10, 1813.
- Elizabeth Carpenter to John Hovis; Sur.: Levi Rudasele (Rudisel); Wit.: V. McBee;
Aug. 10, 1826.
- Elizabeth Carpenter to Robert S. Haines (Robert G. Haynes); Sur.: John W. Bevin
(Bevins); Wit.: L. M. McBee; Nov. 25, 1830.
- Elizabeth Carpenter to William B. Johnson; Sur.: Peter Carpenter; Wit.: Miles W.
Abernathy, Clk.; June 30, 1834.
- Elizabeth Carpenter to David R. Hoyle; Sur.: John Hoyle, Jr.; Wit.: M. W. Aber-
nathy; Aug. 26, 1835.
- Elizabeth Carpenter to Henry Earney; Sur.: Jonas Carpenter; Wit.: J. A. Ramsour,
D.C.; Jan. 20, 1842.
- Emmanuel Carpenter to Nancy Cloninger; Sur.: Joshua Carpenter; Mar. 18, 1837.
- Fanny Carpenter to William Gales; Sur.: Samuel Gales; Wit.: J. T. Alexander;
Nov. 16, 1826.
- Fanny Carpenter to Daniel Eaker (Aker); Sur.: Peter Eker (Ger.); Wit.: Daniel
Forney; Mar. 25, 1808.
- Fanny Carpenter to Richard W. McKee; Sur.: John Zimmerman; Wit.: V. McBee; Mar.
23, 1818.
- Fanny Carpenter to Logan Perkins; Sur.: David Jenkins; Wit.: V. McBee; Feb. 6,
1829.
- Fanny Carpenter to David Mauney; Sur.: John Mauney; Wit.: H. Cansler; May 9, 1838.
- Fanny Carpenter to Marcus Williams; Sur.: John A. Hoyle (Hoyle); Wit.: Joshua
Pendleton, J.P.; Aug. 4, 1857.
- Frances Carpenter to E. H. Cauble; Sur.: W. R. Edwards; by: L. M. Berry, M.G.;
April 17, 1862.
- Frances A. Carpenter to Alfred C. McCaslin; Sur.: Henry Pharr; by: J. R. Peter-
son, M.G.; Dec. 30, 1856.
- Frances C. Carpenter to Frederick L. (F.) Hoke; Sur.: John F. Alexander; Wit.:
Robert Williamson; Sept. 7, 1847.
- Francis Carpenter to John F. Hill; Sur.: Solomon Carpenter; Wit.: L. E. Thompson;
Nov. 28, 1839.
- Frederick Carpenter to Barbara Fronebarger; Sur.: Daniel Caustner (Costner); Wit.:
James T. Alexander; March 8, 1821.
- Fredk Carpenter (Ger.: Friderich Zimmermann) to Catharine Kyser; Sur.: Henry
Carpenter; April 8, 1800.
- George Carpenter to Barbara Carpenter; Sur.: Peter Carpenter; Wit.: V. McBee;
May 9, 1827.
- George Carpenter to Narcissa Kizer; Sur.: David Carpenter; Wit.: W. R. Clark; by:
David Crouse, J.P.; March 5, 1863.
- George Carpenter to Elizabeth Lourance; Sur.: Daniel Carpenter; Wit.: W. R.
Clark; by: R. H. Abernethy, J.P.; Feb. 14, 1865.
- H. F. (Franklin) Carpenter to Mary Ann Carpenter; Sur.: Daniel Carpenter; Wit.:
Robert Williamson; by: Rev. David Crooks; April 7, 1852.
- Hannah Carpenter to Philip Kiser; Sur.: Martin Carpenter; Wit.: J. T. Alexander;
Oct. 26, 1830.
- Henry Carpenter to Fanny Laymen; Sur.: Martin Friday (Ger.: Greitag); Feb. 5,
1790.

This list of N.C. Carpenter marriages will be continued in the September issue.

Revolutionary Soldier Peter Carpenter Jr.: His M

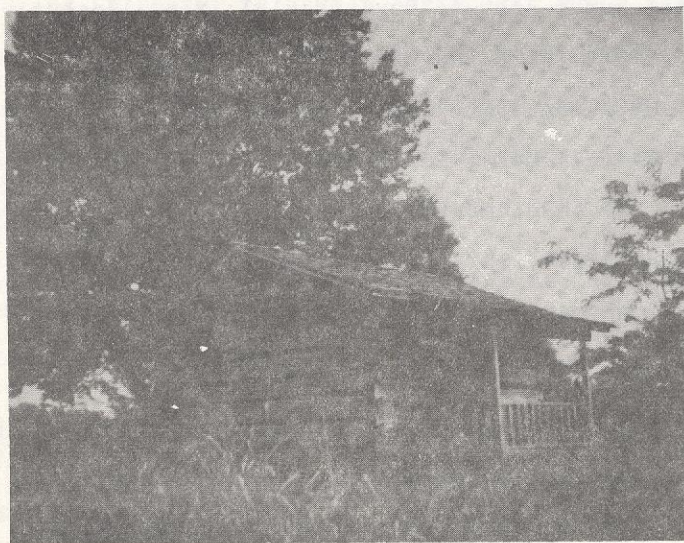
Peter Carpenter Jr. was just shy of 20 when events that were to shape his future began happening. The year was 1755. His home was Cocalico Twp. in Pennsylvania's Lancaster Co. His new bride, Barbara Deppen, shared some of his ancestry and much of his heritage. Young Peter's parents, Peter and Ann (Bricker) Carpenter, had worked hard for the security their farm provided, had seen Lancaster Co. become dotted with tiny settlements and now had time to enjoy their neighbors, who included Carpenter cousins by the dozens. This was the year Peter Jr.'s grandfather died--old Hans Zimmerman (John Carpenter) who had been born in Switzerland in 1675. Not of the least importance, this was the year his elder half-brother, Jacob Carpenter, set out for North Carolina.

Jacob had been in North Carolina but a short time when Peter received the letter. Would Peter, a gunsmith and blacksmith, come to North Carolina where there was need for a man of his trade, the letter asked. Jacob promised to share his land if only Peter would join him. The answer was yes, Peter and his wife were soon on their way and before long were settled on the half of Jacob's land which was located on the south side of Indian Creek near Lincolnton.

Peter Carpenter Jr. prospered, his wife presented him with 12 children over the years and, like Jacob, Peter was a kind slave owner and devoted worker for the Reformed Lutheran Church. In 1775, Peter was appointed captain of a company formed to drive the warlike Cherokee Indians further west.

The Revolutionary War record of Peter Carpenter is an intriguing one. How fascinating it would be to move oneself back two centuries to sit and chat with him about the struggle for independence. Then we could write with clarity about the views which inspired his seemingly contradictory actions. To put it bluntly, he seems to have supported both sides. Yet his record of patriotism has qualified descendants for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

On Nov. 29, 1776, Peter was appointed ensign at a Wilmington District meeting to organize recruits for the Continental Army; it is a matter of record that he was on the North Carolina payroll. Yet, on June 20, 1780 he was shot through the body at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill while serving as captain of a company of Tories. He hastily retreated home, where a silk handkerchief was drawn through the wound--as did the knights of old--to cleanse it. A few months later, part of Cornwallis' Army camped on his farm and burned several fence sections. This cooled Peter's ardor for His Majesty's cause and he proclaimed he'd build a fence soldiers couldn't burn. He did, and that stone wall still stands. He also began furnishing supplies to the Continental Army.



LOG CABIN built for his bride Susanna in 1871 by George Freeman on land received from her father, John Carpenter, was moved from Bostic to Gastonia, N.C. and is now situated on a nature trail.

Biographical data on the next generation is sparse. Some of Peter's sons stayed in Lincoln Co. and became plantation owners; some went on to Rutherford Co., N.C. and also became plantation owners. The line we are following goes through Peter's son, Joseph (1768-1853) who settled at Broad River near Bostic in Rutherford Co. and reared a family of 10. Some of them left the state, but many remained in Rutherford Co. Next we come to Joseph's son John (1808-1887) who was born and died in the Bostic area. John's daughter, Susanna, was the grandmother of Nellie (Freeman) Milligan, compiler of this data. Nellie remembers Susanna, who lived until 1942, and many of the family anecdotes reported here were told to her first hand by Susanna who was, as we shall see, a remarkable woman with quite a sense of humor. (Story continued on next page.)

North Carolina Branch of Family Hailed from Pa.

Polly McGhey and John Carpenter were in love and became engaged. Polly had been trained as a professional tailor, made plans to make her wedding dress and rode a horse to Bostic (near the present Forrest City, N.C.) to buy material. On the way home, a snake frightened the horse; when it wheeled, she was thrown to the ground and broke a hip. It was slow in mending and left her crippled, with one hip lower than the other. Polly refused to marry John and burden him with a crippled wife. Angry and on the rebound, he wed Elvira McMahan in 1849. Elvira bore him two children--Mary and John--and soon became ill, remaining in bed until she died three years after their marriage. Meanwhile, John was looking for someone to care for his children, sick wife and home. Polly (Mary), his former fiance, came to the rescue. After John's first wife died, they soon realized they were still in love. Polly decided she had been foolish to think John would cease to love her because of the injury. John realized his mistake in thinking love could be turned off at will. They were married and had five children--Elizabeth, Martha, Susanna, Lourany and James. After John's death at Bostic, N.C. in 1887, Polly went to live with her married daughter, Susanna (Carpenter) Freeman. For many years, she helped Susanna and the girls card cotton and wool and do the spinning and weaving. She made all the suits for the men and boys in the family. Polly was in her 80's when she died in 1903.

Shortly after Susanna Carpenter wed George Romulus Freeman at Bostic in 1871 and set up housekeeping in the log cabin he'd built for her, she learned that when in a heated discussion, the Freemans used Bible verses to clinch the argument. Although she couldn't read, she soon learned the self-protecting verses as a defense. When she heard chapter and verse quoted, she rushed to the Bible, looked it up, matched the written words with those she'd heard and, in this manner, learned to read the Bible.

By the time Susanna had 12 children, she decided her husband must be ashamed of her if she was pregnant or had a babe in arms. Why? Because he left her home. One day she dressed the children for a school program they were to participate in and paraded them out to proud papa waiting in the buggy. As usual, she hadn't been asked to go. As George drove down the lane, Susanna slipped into her Sunday best, scurried across the fields and, with her youngest in arms, arrived shortly after George and took her seat with the family. Nothing was said, but never again was she left behind. *(Skip next 3 pages for continuation of this story.)*

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THE "NEW"
FREEMAN
HOME.....
Photo
taken
shortly
after
George
Freeman,
with aid
of Joe &
Jim Carp-
enter,
finished
new home
near
Bostic in
1892. Wife
Susanna &
their
children
all came
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Pa. - N.C. Carpenters: Direct Line of Descent

(Following is a summary of the generations in Nellie Milligan's direct line.)

HEINRICH ZIMMERMAN SR.--Born Bernese Oberland, Switzerland, wed Anna Mogert and both died in Switzerland. Children: Elsbeth, born 1672, died young; Heinrich Jr., b. 1673, wed Salome Ruffner, 1701, Germany; Hans (*below*); Benedict, b. 1677; Anna, b. 1679; Elsbeth, b. 1680; Barbara, b. 1683; Catherine, b. 1686, and David, b. 1690.

HANS (JOHN) ZIMMERMAN--Born 1675, Berne Canton, Switzerland; died 1755, Lancaster Co., Pa. Children include: Peter (*below*); Christian, died Dec. 18, 1789, Lancaster Co., Pa., and Hans Jr., buried in Lancaster Co., Pa. (*NOTE: Mrs. Milligan gives wife of Hans Sr. as Anna, daughter of Christian & Veronica (Zimmerman) Ruchty; your editor believes she may have been their granddaughter and the wife of Hans Jr.; more documentation is needed.*)

PETER ZIMMERMAN/CARPENTER SR.--Name anglicized after family came to America. Peter wed 1) Ann Weaver & 2) Ann, daughter of Peter Jr. & Ann Bricker of Reading, Pa. Peter Carpenter died at Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.; will dated Nov. 22, 1785 and he died before Oct. 7, 1790. Children include: First wife--Jacob, Elizabeth, Barbara & Mary; second wife--Peter Jr. (*below*) and Ann.

PETER CARPENTER JR.--Born 1736, Cocalico Twp., Pa.; wed Barbara, daughter of Christian & Veronica (Ruchty) Deppen. Peter Jr. died in 1817 near Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., North Carolina. Children:

- 1) CHRISTIAN CARPENTER--Nothing further known.
- 2) JOHN CARPENTER (1762-1847)--Wed Mary Mauney; buried Antioch Churchyard near Lincolnton, N.C.; desc. spread to Ark., Ga., Mo., Miss., Okla., Calif.
- 3) DAVID CARPENTER--Wed Zeruah Johnson; he died 1820 & buried in Rutherford Co., N.C.; desc. in Ark., Ga., S.C., Tenn. & Washington, D.C.
- 4) JACOB CARPENTER (1767-1840)--Wed 1) Anne McCoslin, 3 children, & 2) Anne Jenkins, 10 children; Jacob buried on family plantation, Lincoln Co., N.C.; desc. in Pa., N.Y., Ind., Ark., Idaho, Texas, N.D. & Okla.
- 5) JOSEPH CARPENTER--See next generation, following page.
- 6) HENRY W. CARPENTER (1772-1859)--Wed Mary Hildebrandt; Henry is buried at family plantation, Potts Creek, Lincoln Co., N.C.
- 7) FREDERICK CARPENTER (1772-1829)--No further record.
- 8) ABRAHAM CARPENTER--Died in 1843 at Lincolnton, N.C.
- 9) SAMUEL CARPENTER--Wed Elizabeth Rudisill; had children Samuel & Michael; died before May 28, 1839 & buried on Michael Carpenter plot, Lincolnton.
- 10) WILLIAM CARPENTER--Wed Millie (Amelia) Rudisill; William died June 19, 1845 and was buried in the family plantation graveyard.
- 11) ANN CARPENTER--Wed _____ Crouse; she died Jan. 10, 1839.
- 12) FANNIE CARPENTER--Wed _____ Eaker.



PENNSYLVANIA - NORTH CAROLINA CARPENTERS: DIRECT LINE OF DESCENT (Cont'd)

JOSEPH CARPENTER--Born May 13, 1768, Lincoln Co., N.C.; wed Dec. 11, 1798 Elizabeth (1780-1856), daughter of Daniel & Mary (Morton) Johnson; Joseph died Oct. 28, 1853 near Bostic, Rutherford Co., N.C. Children:

- 1) HYRAM CARPENTER--Born March 19, 1800 and died in Arkansas.
- 2) WILLIAM J. CARPENTER--Born Jan. 23, 1802, Rutherford Co., N.C.; wed Catherine Fulbright; 5 children; he died Aug. 20, 1887, Catawba Co., N.C.
- 3) EMANUEL MORTON CARPENTER--Born Feb. 22, 1805, Bostic, N.C.; wed Jane Dayberry; he died March 15, 1889; buried Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Rutherford Co., N.C.
- 4) DANIEL CARPENTER--Born Dec. 10, 1806, Bostic, N.C.; died in Arkansas.
- 5) JOHN H. CARPENTER--See next generation, below.
- 6) MIRIAH M. CARPENTER--Born June 20, 1810, Bostic, N.C.; died Apr. 30, 1844 and buried at Salem Methodist Church, Rutherford Co., N.C.
- 7) SAMUEL A. CARPENTER--Born Dec. 27, 1812, Bostic, N.C.; in 1840 at Randolph Co., Ala. & in 1845, Fayetteville, Miss; died in California.
- 8) JAMES M. CARPENTER--Born Sept. 9, 1814, Bostic, N.C.; wed Nancy A. Edwards in 1844; James died Nov. 29, 1890; buried in Polk Co., N.C.
- 9) NANCY WALTON CARPENTER--Born Jan. 28, 1817, Bostic, N.C.; wed Oliver P. Edwards in 1844; she died Nov. 30, 1880, Camp Elmira, N.Y.
- 10) MARY S. CARPENTER--Born Oct. 10, 1819, Bostic, N.C.; wed George Bradley.

JOHN H. CARPENTER--Born Feb. 29, 1808, Bostic, N.C.; wed 1) Elvira McMahan (1825-1852) in 1849, two children; 2) Mary (Polly) McGhey in 1853, five children. Mary (1820-1903) was a daughter of James McGhey/McGahhey. John died Feb. 24, 1887 at Bostic, N.C. His children:

- 1) MARY E. CARPENTER--Born Jan., 1850, Bostic, N.C.; wed John DePriest; Mary died in March of 1938.
- 2) JOHN CARPENTER--Born 1851, Bostic, N.C.; wed Sarah Gess; lived in Greenville, S.C.; in Forney, Tex., 1912; returned to North Carolina.
- 3) ELIZABETH CARPENTER--Born 1854, Bostic, N.C.; wed Will Lee; she is buried in Mt. Hebron Methodist Churchyard, Rutherford Co., N.C.
- 4) MARTHA CARPENTER--Born 1855, Bostic, N.C.; wed Tom Watson.
- * 5) SUSANNA CARPENTER--Born Jan. 14, 1856, Bostic, N.C.; wed George Romulus Freeman Aug. 6, 1871 at Bostic; Susanna died Feb. 10, 1942 in Fort Worth, Tex.; buried at Redlick Cemetery, Texarkana, Tex. Her 15 children:

PHOTO AT LEFT

Pictured on facing page are some of the children of John H. Carpenter (1808-1887) with their families. The photograph was taken about 1925 at Bostic, North Carolina.

FRONT ROW, SEATED (From left):

Elora (Grayson) Carpenter and her husband, Jim Carpenter, then his sisters Elizabeth (Carpenter) Lee, Susanna (Carpenter) Freeman, and Lourany (Carpenter) Higgins.

BACK ROW (From left): Earl Lee and his father, Will Lee (husband of Elizabeth); Andy Higgins (husband of Lourany); another of the Lee sons; Lourany's married daughter, Mirtle (Higgins) Hardin, and Susanna's granddaughter, Roberta Allene Haden.

Robert (Bob) Benjamin Franklin (1872-1924); Cana (Buron) VanBuren (1873-1917); Mary Etta Vashti (1875-1908); John Bell (1876-1910); Martha Lucilla (b. 1878, d. young); Aretus (Reet) Erastus (1879-1946); James (Dee) DeWitt (1881-1965); George Watson (1883-1973); Anna May (1885-1957); Cortez (Cort) William * (1886-1950); Zebulon (1888-1949); Joseph Sidney (1890-1971); Cora (Bess) Bessie (1892-1918); Thomas, (1896-1903); infant son, died 1899.

- 6) LOURANY CARPENTER--Born Oct. 6, 1862, Bostic, N.C.; died Oct. 18, 1942 at Bostic; wed Andrew P. Higgins.
- 7) JAMES CARPENTER--Born Aug., 1864, Bostic, N.C.; wed Elora Grayson; he died March 25, 1936, Forrest City, N.C.

* Susanna (Carpenter) Freeman is the grandmother of Mrs. Nellie Milligan, the compiler of this data. Mrs. Milligan is the former Nellie Dixie Freeman, eldest child of Susanna's son, Cortez William Freeman, to his first wife, Leona Argus Mills.

(See next two pages for more family photographs, commentary on Mrs. Freeman's lineage, and continuation of center spread story).

Brothers Hans & Heinrich Both in Lancaster Co.

Mrs. Milligan amassed numerous land, probate, cemetery and census records on her Pennsylvania and North Carolina Carpenter ancestors. Some of these also name others whose Carpenter kinship is not yet established. Nellie was fortunate in looking old family Bible records documenting relationships in her direct line. One states Joseph was a son of Revolutionary War soldier Peter Carpenter of Lincoln Co., N.C. She also compiled data on the Virginia ancestry of some women marrying into her Carpenter line. More detailed info on members of later generations--especially of the Freemans--may be obtained from Nellie.

Much of the data on early generations is from *Counting Kindred*, a 1940 book by E.E. & M.L. Deppen of Sinking Springs, Pa. Mrs. Freeman also compared data with researchers Mrs. Elinor (Crain) Corbin of Mt. Vernon, Iowa and Mrs. Leslie Yeiser of Grant's Pass, Oregon. Numerous early marriages between the Zimmerman, Deppen & Ruchty families complicate early relationships.

Some readers will question how these Pennsylvania Carpenters who went to North Carolina are related to Heinrich Zimmerman Jr. who, according to records of the Lancaster (Pa.) Historical Society, came to Pennsylvania about 1698 from the Berne-Seftigen region of Switzerland. This is the Heinrich known as "Black Henry." A physician, he first settled at Germantown, Pa., went to Germany in 1700 to wed Salome Rufener/Ruffner (widowed daughter of the Count de Fontenoy), and returned to America in 1706. His children include Emanuel and Gabriel, born in Switzerland, and Salome, Christian, Henry, Daniel, Mary and Jacob, born in Pennsylvania. The *Counting Kindred* authors conducted extensive research on these Carpenters and concluded this Heinrich is a brother to the Hans (John) Carpenter whose descendants are featured in this issue.

As Heinrich's sons began growing up in Germantown, he started acquiring land (purchases in 1710 and 1726) in Lancaster Co. Burial of many of his descendants is noted in the Lancaster Co. Carpenter cemetery list in Vol.III, No.2 of *The Carpenter Journal*. His son is the Dr. Heinrich Zimmerman who wed Susanna Forney, also had a son, Henry, and died in 1773 in Lancaster Co., Pa.



AT LEFT:

1893 FAMILY
PHOTOGRAPH

Parents:

George R.
Freeman,
holding
Bible, and
wife, form-
er Susanna
Carpenter,
with baby.

Children:

Cora, on
mother's
lap. Back
row, from
left--Cana,
Mary Etta,
Aretus and
John; 2nd
row--George,
Cortez,
Anna, James
& Robert,
seated; in
front--Jos-
eph, Zebulon.

Bleeding Was Wrong Cure for Malaria

(Story Continued from Center Spread)

George Freeman, husband of Susanna Carpenter, was a stone mason and farmer and, as had his father and grandfather before him, served as Justice of the Peace in Rutherfordton, N.C. As his family increased with an abundance of boys, George--thinking of his sons--heard the call of rich Texas lands. In the fall of 1880, the family began the trek westward. The train they were on was wrecked and they completed the journey to the Mississippi River by flatcar. They crossed the river by ferry, then their belongings were loaded into covered wagons for the journey to Denton Co., Texas, where they rented a farm near Argyle. Son James DeWitt was born there. Susanna did not have a normal recovery from childbirth. She was ill and homesick, the crops were not good so, after four years, they returned to North Carolina. There, they bought a farm from Susanna's dad, sold it to their eldest son, Robert, and in 1898 again headed for Texas where they bought a farm near Texarkana. There, George and the boys harvested good crops, but soon became plagued by chills and fever. Each siege of summer chills became worse for George. He was yellow with jaundice and several doctors were unable to help. Finally, the bleeding doctor was called in and when Cortez, then 14, saw two quarts of his dad's blood in a basin he was frightened, and for just cause--his father died that night (Feb. 12, 1901). Now it is known the Malaria patient needs all his blood and is fed rich, nutritious food. The farm was sold and Susanna and the younger children returned to North Carolina where her married son, Bob, lived. In 1903, Susanna bought a home near her sister, Lourany (Carpenter) Higgins, but sold it in 1913 to a Freeman brother-in-law. Daughter May was married and living nearby, Buron had married and gone to Colorado, Reet was wed in Fort Worth and went to Tacoma, Wash., and John, Dee, Bessie and Zeb were in Fort Worth, with Etta, Cortez, George and Joe choosing Texarkana as their home.

Susanna spent time in Texas, returning to North Carolina for an annual visit. She helped rear her grandchildren in Texas. The aging grandmother got the young ones off to Sunday School each Sabbath via a 5-mile street-car ride, taught them games and hosted large Sunday dinners. In 1939, a family reunion was held in Fort Worth. For the first time since her husband's 1901 death Susanna, now 84, had all 8 of her living children gathered around her. She died at age 86 and was laid to rest by her husband in the Redlick Cemetery 15 miles from Texarkana.

Carpenter descendants still live at Bostic, N.C. on land inherited from John H. Carpenter (1808-87). Mrs. Milligan has visited these third cousins during her trips East to collect family data.

FOR MORE INFO: Contact Mrs. Carl J. Milligan, 10238 Walnut Ave., South Gate, Calif. 90280.

FAMILY PORTRAIT--Shown in 1914 are Cortez W. & Leona A. (Mills) Freeman with their children Nellie & Norris. Nellie, now Mrs. Carl J. Milligan, furnished this data to the Journal. Cortez is a grandson of John H. Carpenter (1808-87) of Bostic, N.C.



Genealogical Queries

DANIEL CARPENTER--Seek data on parents and other members of family of Daniel Carpenter, born June 7, 1785, Rhode Island, and died Sept. 3, 1870 at North Liberty, Ind. He wed Mary Clark of Rhode Island March 11, 1813 and they lived at Peace Dale, R.I. before moving to Darien, N.Y. about 1826; about 1840, they moved to Hanover, Mich. *REPLY TO: Mrs. William Wagner, Box 398, Wakeeney, Kansas 67672.*

* * *

IRA CARPENTER--Seek info on parents and ancestry of Ira Carpenter, born 1831, Virginia, and died July 19, 1902 at Riverside, Calif. He wed Mary Heald in Cincinnati, Ohio about 1855-56. Mary, supposedly his cousin, was born ca. 1833-34 in New York. Their children: Robert, born 1857, Cincinnati, and, all born at Stockton, Calif., Frank, 1859; Minnie, 1863, and Cornelia, 1865. Ira also believed to have later wed Stella _____, Susan Greenleaf & Clara B. Abbott; children to later marriages include Herbert, Byron, Scott and Irene. *CONTACT: Mrs. Arthur Carpenter, 3554 Nova Scotia, San Jose, Calif. 95124.*

* * *

LYMAN CARPENTER--Want info on Lyman Carpenter, born Oct. 5, 1779, and died July 20, 1865. He wed Dosha Perin; they lived in Iowa. Their children: Ambrose, born Oct. 29, 1822, and died Aug. 22, 1857; plus Ezra, Horace, John P., Lucy Ann, Lyman Jr., Marila Jane and Mary Louise. Especially want info on Ambrose & Lyman. *REPLY TO: Mrs. Maudie M. Smith, Box 435, Russell, Iowa 50238.*

The Epistle

There's been a good response to our new publication, *The Epistle*. Thanks to all who've signed up. Your first issue will arrive in July--then, one each month. For others: Rate is \$6.50 per year; get your orders in soon. I'm very excited about contents of the upcoming *Epistle* issues...they contain help for many who've had difficulty in tracing those elusive ancestors.

- Rosemary E. Bachelor, editor

WILLIAM RAY CARPENTER--Wish to contact descendants of William (known as Ray) Carpenter, born 1885, son of James Edward & Mary (Morris) Carpenter. Ray wed Mabel Palmer and had children Florence, Robert, Mary and twins Donald & Dorothy. William R. was traveling agent for Chicago Northwestern Railroad and died in Salt Lake City, Utah, date unknown. *CONTACT: Mrs. Joseph Carpenter, 1211 N. Ninth Ave., Wausau, Wisc. 54401.*

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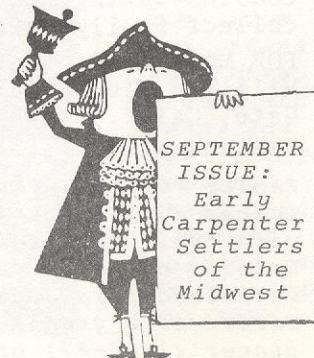
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Preview of Next Issue

The September issue of our *Carpenter Journal* will highlight early Carpenter settlers of the Midwestern states.

This issue will contain maps showing the old trails which served as the prime migration paths westward for our ancestors in the New England and Southern coastal states who were lured westward by stories of good farmland available at reasonable prices.

In addition to stories & pictures pertaining to Carpenter settlers in the Midwest, this issue will contain early Carpenter census data from such key states as Ohio. Deadline for those wishing to submit data for this issue is August 1.



Booklet Chronicles Branch of Carpenter Family

The Carpenter Journal, in conjunction with the Carpenter Family Association, is pleased to announce the upcoming publication of a 100-plus* page booklet titled *The Ancestry and Descendants of Col. Solomon Carpenter of Goshen, N.Y.* This project has been in the works nearly two years, although the research involved covers more than a decade. Material researched by the Association was furnished your Journal editor who, with aid from Association member Raymond G. Carpenter of Howard Beach, N.Y., has expanded the data covered, edited the material for publication, and is now setting it up for printing.

Publication of this booklet is scheduled for the week of June 24. Orders will be processed for shipment to purchasers beginning July 9. The price has been set at \$4.75 per copy, including mailing costs.

COVERS SIX CENTURIES

The scope of the booklet will make it of interest to numerous descendants of William Carpenter of Rehoboth even though they may not be descended from Col. Solomon Carpenter. Roughly half the booklet chronicles the ancestry of Solomon Carpenter, stretching back to the ancient English Carpenters of the 1400's; the remaining half focusses upon Solomon's descendants, bringing many lines down to the present generation.

WILLIAM OF REHOBOTH'S LONG ISLAND DESCENDANTS

The initial chapter on the ancient English ancestry is followed by a chapter on the first generations at Rehoboth and a chapter on the early generations of the Carpenter family who settled in the Jamaica, Long Island region. Although Col. Solomon's direct line is delineated in these chapters, all known children and grandchildren of his father and grandfather are given; likewise, there is a listing of all children and grandchildren of William Carpenter of Rehoboth. Thus, there is complete coverage of the family of William¹, of his son, Capt. John² Carpenter, who settled at Jamaica in the mid 1600's, and of his son, John³ Carpenter Jr., the father of Col. Solomon Carpenter.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR LETTERS HANDED DOWN IN FAMILY

Far from being a bare genealogical outline of family relationships, this booklet contains a variety of stories about these early settlers, Indian raids on their homesteads, and their Revolutionary War service. The chapter on Goshen, where Solomon settled in the early 1700's, also contains letters written by Nehemiah Carpenter while he was serving in the Revolution. These letters were discovered in a trunk in the attic of the Carpenter homestead in the late 1800's.

CORRECTIONS TO AMOS CARPENTER'S "MEMORIAL"

One of the values of this booklet is that it corrects errors--some of a serious nature--found in Amos B. Carpenter's old genealogy covering descendants of William Carpenter of Rehoboth. The booklet is amply footnoted with references to documentation of the material; where contradictions arise, the opinions of various researchers are noted and carefully compared.

ILLUSTRATED & INDEXED

The booklet is covered with an attractive cream-colored heavy cardstock bearing the title and ancient Carpenter coat of arms. It also contains several picture pages and is indexed for easy location of ancestors within the text.

* Exact page count unavailable as photo pages are not numbered and index pages not yet prepared for printing.

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More About Those Lancaster Zimmermans...

Sorting out relationships between the various Swiss and German Carpenters --then called Zimmerman--who poured into Pennsylvania after that state in 1682 set aside large areas for colonization by foreigners could be a mind-boggling task. It certainly would warrant a more intensive search of foreign records than has yet been conducted by Carpenter family researchers. Since Zimmerman has always been a quite common German and Swiss surname, and only a fraction of those bearing the name came to America, the search would be both tiresome and frustrating.

In preparing their 1940 book on one branch of the early Swiss Zimmermans and allied families who came to Pennsylvania, E.E. and M.L. Deppen focussed upon a Zimmerman coat of arms representing a branch of the family in Valois, a French-speaking canton (or province) of Switzerland. The arms in question consists of a shield depicting a gold lion walking leftward on its hind legs, carrying a silver hatchet and imposed upon a field of blue. However, the Zimmermans with whom the Deppens are concerned--those being the ancestors of the North Carolina Carpenters featured in this issue--came from Switzerland's Berne Canton and were German-speaking. It appears that once again--as, unfortunately, so often the case--a Carpenter coat of arms has been selected with no regard as to its authenticity as far as actual blood lines go.

The Deppens also claim these Zimmermans came from the Berne district of Seftigen, which included a region known as Zimmerwals, or "the forest of the carpenters." This reference is probably to carpenters by occupation, rather than the surname, although long before the 1600's in medieval times the Zimmermans would have taken their surname from their occupation.

Hans (John) Zimmerman came in 1724 to what became Lancaster Co., Pa. in 1730. A Philadelphia clerk had anglicized the name to "Carpenter" on the records. John and his son Peter continued to sign their name as Zimmerman, but his grandchildren adopted the Carpenter translation. Peter Sr. (son of Hans and father of the Peter who went to North Carolina) received title to his Lancaster Co. land in 1747 and his Nov. 22, 1785 will has been located. He was living in Cocalico Township when he took the Oath of Allegiance March 3, 1778 at nearby Ephrata, Pa. Your editor visited Ephrata, a delightful, historic little village with an interesting restoration project, several years ago...and long before becoming interested in Carpenter family history.

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